MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Is it not a fact that Government invariably accept the lowest tenders in such matters?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Recognised Vernacular Schools not aided.

61. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of recognised Vernacular Schools and the number of new classes in Vernacular Schools that were opened from Edavom 1106 up to now (17-2-1109) to which grant-in-aid is not given; and

(*b*) the number of teachers that are employed in such classes?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) 124 new schools and 359 new classes, including class divisions.

(*b*) 587.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I konw whether department is satisfied that the 587 teachers are getting their pay larly from the managements?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Not mor fied than they are in the case of all teachers in aided schools.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Without going into parison, may I know how far they were satisfied with regard to the ayment of these teachers by managements?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Not more satisfied than they are in the case of all teachers in aided schools.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I do not want any comparison to be made. I want to know whether the department has enquired whether the 587 teachers are getting their pay regularly?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mr. Asan's question was 'How far'. That implies comparison. So the Director of Public Instruction is right in making a comparison.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the department thought that the managers have contributed the grant amount also to the payment of teachers?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): No, they do not think so.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Then, may I know from where the department thought that the teachers were paid by the managements? In other words, may I know the source from which the managements were expected to pay these teachers?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): From their private resources.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the department is satisfied that the 124 schools which were newly started had sufficient resources to pay the teachers out of their funds?

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MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): It is presumed that they have enough resources to adequately pay their teachers. Recognition is given after the Inspector is satisfied with the details connected with the school and its management.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I want definite information on a point of fact.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: When the member puts a question, it is but proper for the official member to use such words as sufficiently answer the purpose. Unless they are irrelevant, that can go in.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Sir, I wish to elicit further information on a point of fact. But the official member presumes that inferences can be drawn from his answer.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You must leave the member to his own resources.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know the data from which these presumptions were drawn?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): There is no special date. When the recognition is given to a particular school that means that the Inspector is satisfied that the management has enough funds to meet the needs of the school.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know, what is the extent of fund that has to be shown before granting recognition to a primary school?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): No specific sum of money is specified under the rules.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Then, how was this presumption drawn by the Director, that they are in possession of funds?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Because they have come forward to open a school and they have been given recognition by the authority concerned.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala I*): May I know whether any investigation was made with regard to the capability of financing the institutions before recognition was given?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Am I to answer the question, Sir?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The official member has stated that from the fact of recognition having been granted it is presumed that some investigation has been made. And in the light of my ruling no more question need be asked.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know why grant-in-aid is not given to these institutions?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Want of funds. Moreover all these schools were warned that no grant-in-aid could be guaranteed.

MR. K. C. ABRAHAM (*Kottayam II*): May I know whether the department has received any complaint from any teacher in an aided school that he has been irregularly paid or paid not at all?

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MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The answer yes.,

Acting Women teachers belonging to the Paraya Community.

62. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state the names of Paraya girls who have passed the V. S. L. C. Examination and have acted as teachers in the departmental girls' schools in the State with the dates on which they passed the examination, the dates on which they were first given appointments and the total length of their acting service?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The information asked for is given below:-

Name of the teacher	...	Kochidicali
Qualification with the year of passing	...	V. S. L. C. of 1096
Date of 1st appointment	...	10-11-1104
Total acting service	...	11 months and 26 days.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What was the date on which the applicant served the department last?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I want notice.

MR A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know why that applicant was not provided in the department till now?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I want notice.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You could have raised that point even in the original question.

Acquisition of land for Kanjirapally English School.

63. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether steps are being taken for acquiring lands for putting up buildings etc. for the raising of the Kanjirapalli English School into a complete High School;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reason for taking such steps when the report of the Education Reforms Committee recommending the abolition, transformation and handing over to aided agency of Departmental Schools, is under the consideration of the Government?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The school has already been raised to a High School and additional lands and buildings are therefore urgently necessary. The Educational Reforms Committee has not recommended either the immediate or the wholesale transfer of departmental schools to aided agency.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is it contemplated that there must be a gradual handing over of the departmental schools to private agencies?

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